

Failure of crops in channagiri Taluk

297. Sri N. G. HALAPPA (Channagiri).—

Will the Minister for Revenue and Forests be pleased to state :—

(a) whether they are aware of the failure of dry crops in Channagiri taluk and in Kasaba and Ubrani Hoblis which are worst affected areas ;

(b) whether there is a proposal to take famine relief measures in the said taluk immediately ?

A.— Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).—

(a) Yes, in Kasaba and Ubrani Hoblis.

(b) Yes, Relief Measures have been taken.

Villages without Wells in Deodurg Taluk

298. Sri SADASHIVAPPA PATIL (Deodurg).—

Will the Minister for Development and Co-operation be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of villages without drinking water wells in Deodurg Taluk ;

(b) the alternative steps taken to provide drinking water for the residents of these villages ?

A.— Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development and Co-operation).—

(a) 17.

(b) It is reported that soil conditions in the villages are not favourable. It is not possible to strike sweet water even if wells are dug. The question of providing water under National Rural Water Supply and Sanitation is under investigation by the Public Health Engineering Department.

Salary and other allowances drawn by Chief Minister

299. Sri H. PUTTADASA (Sathanur).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) whether it is not a fact that the Chief Minister is also the President of All India Congress Committee ;

(b) how the salary and allowances (both T. A. and D. A.), in his capacity as Congress President as well as the Chief Minister are met ;

(c) whether it is possible to make distinction between these two offices ;

(d) if so, how it is being done ?

4.—Sri S. NIJALINGAPPA (Chief Minister).—

(a) Yes.

(b) Chief Minister draws his salary and allowances as Chief Minister only in accordance with the Mysore Ministers Salaries and Allowances Act, 1966 (Mysore Act No. 5 of 1967) and the amendment Act of 1967 (Mysore Act No. 9 of 1967). Tour expenses of President, All India Congress Committee are not met by the Government.

(c) Yes.

(d) These two offices are distinctly separate and have no relationship with each other.

Irrigation Scheme in the State

300. Sri H. C. LINGA REDDY (Malur).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) the percentage of irrigation achieved so far in the State ;

(b) how it compares with the percentage of irrigation in the neighbouring States ;

(c) the steps taken to accelerate the pace of irrigation potential in the State under Minor and Major Irrigation Scheme in the State in the Fourth Five Year Plan ?

4.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) About 9.25 per cent.

(b) Andhra Pradesh	...	27.4 per cent
Madras	...	40.3 per cent
Maharashtra	...	6.3 per cent
Kerala	...	17.2 per cent

(c) The projects already taken up in the previous plan periods when completed will increase the irrigation potential. All efforts are being made to complete most of these Projects subject to the availability of funds.